

New Board Member

The Montana Board of Pharmacy welcomes **Robert Mann, RPh** to the Board. Mr Mann, of Plentywood, is a coowner of the Rexall Drug in Plentywood. Robert has been licensed in Montana since June 1970 and is a graduate of North Dakota State University. Welcome, Bob!

Thank You, Wayne Hedman

The Montana Board of Pharmacy and its staff thank **Wayne Hedman, RPh** for his five years of service as a Board member. Wayne's governor-appointed term expired July 1, 2000. Wayne was an effective Board member and will be missed.

Renewal Time Approaching

As you may remember, after a rule change about a year ago, the business licenses will all be renewed together in the fall. In mid-October you will receive one renewal form for your certified pharmacy license. Included on that renewal will be the Dangerous Drug and Technician Utilization Plan licenses if they apply to your facility. You will be able to write one check and fill out only one form for all three licenses.

Be reminded that the expiration for these licenses is November 30, 2000, and any renewal that does not have a United States Postal Service postmark of November 30 or earlier will be required to pay the penalty fee of \$100, with no exception.

New Executive Director

The Professional Licensing Division has hired an executive director for the Board of Pharmacy. Starting October 9, 2000, **Rebecca Deschamps** will be the new executive director. The Board and staff welcome Becky and are looking forward to having her onboard prior to the legislative session.

Resignation of Board Counsel

Edward Myers has resigned his position with the Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of Pharmacy. Ed is moving to Arizona to start a new adventure in life. He has been instrumental in assisting the Board in preparing legislation for the upcoming 2001 session and has given the Board

direction and guidance that has been greatly appreciated. Ed will be missed, but we wish him well with his new endeavors. The Division will be contracting with an attorney to counsel the Board of Pharmacy until a replacement is found for Mr. Myers' position.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Montana Board of Pharmacy has proposed the following dates for upcoming Board meetings.

October 17 - 18, 2000 January 16 - 17, 2001 April 17 - 18, 2001 July 24 - 25, 2001 October 16 - 17, 2001

All meeting agendas are available on the Internet 10 days prior to a meeting. You can find all meeting information and all Montana Board of Pharmacy laws and rules at www.com.state.mt.us/License/POL.

Continuing Education Advisory Council

The Board of Pharmacy has re-established a true advisory council for continuing education (CE) requests. If you plan to attend a CE event that is not approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) you may request approval from the Continuing Education Advisory Council (CEAC). In the past a member of the Board staff has been approving or denying these approval requests. There now will be a three-member council reviewing all requests for CEAC approval. The council consists of one representative from the School of Pharmacy, one representative from the Board of Pharmacy, and one representative from the Montana State Pharmaceutical Association.

When submitting a request for approval, expect a 20- to 30-day turnaround for approvals. If you are in need of a request form, the Board office can fax or mail a form to you.

Legislative Session 2001

The Board of Pharmacy in conjunction with the School of Pharmacy and State Pharmaceutical Association have revised

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the Pharmacy Practice Act for submission as a bill to the 2001 Legislature. The draft of this bill will be available on the Internet prior to the session starting. You can access the bill draft at www.state.mt.us. The legislative division will post a hot link to their site from here prior to the session.

License Revocations

The following licensees had their licenses revoked for non-renewal at the July meeting of the Board of Pharmacy. These licensees were given one year from expiration of their licenses to renew.

Patrick Ackerman #3071

Jeffrey Addington #2541

Georgia Bassuer #2140

Arthur Berger #3831

Steve Berger #3427

Joseph Bone #1841

Albert Camacho #3394

Robert Carkeek #1991

George Carpenter #2939

Richard Crocker #3673

Brain Day #3104

Raymond Dickson #2181

Arthur Ekberg #2578

Katherine Farrington #3747

Donna Ferris #3174

Brian Garnett #3783

Murray Gentry #3507

Ann Gilbert #3155

Steven Hankel #2333

Sallie Hartnett #3734

Elmer Hotvedt #1961

Calvin Hubbard #1498

Dewayne Krueger #1981

James Lee #3366

Lillian Lien #3218

Michael Mantsch #2545

Christina Martin #3725

Bernett Neumann #1934

Joe Palmer #3440

Jeffrey Phillips #3317

Albert Picchioni #1503

John Rowell #3611

Suzanne Selisch #3286

Alan Stark #3589

Yvonne Stark #3628

Francis Terhaar #2119

Stephen Woltanski #3138

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